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SUBJECT: INDIAN VIEWS ON U.S. TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER

1. SUMMARY: INDIAN DEL EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH U.S. TROPICAL PRODUCTS STANCE AND CLAIMED GROUP OF 77 SHARES DISSATISFACTION AND WILL OBJECT TO CONTRIBUTION IN CONTEXT OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATION. END SUMMARY.

2. INDIAN AMBASSADOR CHADHA, ON MARGIN OF SOCIAL EVENT, ADVISED AMBASSADOR WALKER THAT U.S. TROPICAL PRODUCTS "OFFER" WAS NOT AN OFFER AT ALL BECAUSE IT FAILED TO DISCLOSE THE ITEMS ON WHICH U.S. PREPARED TO CUT TARIFFS WITHOUT LDC CONTRIBUTIONS AND DID NOT INDICATE THE DEPTH OF CUT U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE. HE STATED THAT AFTER REVIEWING THE U.S. OFFER ALL HE KNEW

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WAS THE ITEMS ON WHICH THE U.S. WAS NOT RPT NOT

PREPARED TO MAKE AN OFFER, THESE BEING THE ITEMS ON INDIA'S REQUEST LIST WHICH WERE NOT INCLUDED IN OUR SUBMISSION.

3. HE SAID THAT THE LDCS HAD CAUCUSED ON FRIDAY AND AGAIN ON MONDAY TO DISCUSS U.S. POSITION AND THAT UNANIMOUS VIEW WAS ONE OF DISSATISFACTION.

4. HE SAID THE U.S. COULD NOT EXPECT LDCS TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FORM OF CONCESSIONS ON NON RPT NON-TROPICAL PRODUCTS IN THE CONTEXT OF A TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATION AND THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY TROPICAL PRODUCTS, EXPORTED BY THE U.S., ON WHICH INDIA HAD ANY CONCESSIONS TO MAKE. HE ALSO SAID THE U.S. REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AS A CONDITION TO FINALIZING ITS TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER WAS INCONSISTENT WITH LETTER AND SPIRIT OF TOKYO DECLARATION.

5. DESPITE THESE OBJECTIONS CHADHA INDICATED DESIRE TO CONDUCT BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH THE U.S. IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL. THUS THERE SEEMS TO BE NO CONCERTED LDC ACTION TO STONEWALL ON THE ISSUE TO THE EXTENT OF REFUSING TO HOLD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

6. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION DDG MATHUR CONFIRMED SUBSTANCE PARA 3 ABOVE. HE SAID DELAY IN RECEIPT OF EC TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER WAS MAIN REASON LDCS REFRAINED FROM REQUESTING TP GROUP RECONVENE RIGHT AWAY TO DISCUSS WHETHER U.S. OFFER WAS AN OFFER WITHIN MEANING OF AGREED PROCEDURES AS WELL AS POLICY PROPRIETY OF U.S. HEADNOTE LINKING ULTIMATE U.S. OFFER TO LDC RECIPROCITY.

7. COMMENT: U.S. MTN DEL BELIEVES THE INDIAN ATTITUDE FAIRLY REFLECTS CURRENT LDC VIEW OF U.S. TROPICAL PRODUCTS PROPOSALS AND THAT WE SHOULD BE ALERT TO LDC GROUP PRESSURE AGAINST NON-TROPICAL PRODUCTS CONCESSIONS TO U.S. TO MINIMIZE CHANCES OF A HARDENING OF LDC ATTITUDES ON THIS ISSUE, WE THINK IT DESIRABLE TO SELECT PROMPTLY A COUPLE OF "LIKELY" LDC TARGETS WHERE WE CAN MAKE REASONABLY SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS IN RETURN FOR REASONABLY INSIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS. IF WE CAN REACH AGREEMENT WITH THESE "TARGET" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES PROMPTLY, IT WILL BREAK THE SOLIDARITY OF THE LDCS AND MAKE THE OTHERS, WHERE WE WILL BE SEEKING MORE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, MORE LIKELY TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY. SUGGEST WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONSIDER THIS "TARGET" CONCEPT IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS REVIEW EXERCISE. EALKER

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